

McLAUGHLIN IS A VOUCHER FOR HILL.

Says He: "Undoubtedly He Will Declare for Bryan and Sewall."

All This After a Conference Between Two a Short Time Ago and a Talk with St. John.

Pithy Sentences from the Brooklyn Chieftain's Remarks Show His Confidence of Victory.

MAY ATTEND THE NOTIFICATION.

McLaughlin's Family Will Hear Bryan Anyway, and She Will Be There—How That Secret Conference Came About.

Jamesport, L. I., Aug. 7.—Hugh McLaughlin of Brooklyn, had something to say to the Journal to-day that is of unusual significance.

Its political importance is enhanced when it is recalled that within the last few weeks he was sought out by Senator Hill for a conference, and that yesterday he was closeted for some time with William P. St. John, treasurer of the National Democratic Committee, and that the result of their talk was at once telegraphed to Senator Jones, then the guest of Senator Hill, at Normandie-by-the-Sea, N. J. This remark was first addressed to Mr. McLaughlin to-day:

"It is said in New York City that Senator Hill in a few days will come out for Bryan and Sewall."

His quick reply was: "UNDOUBTEDLY HE WILL. Mr. Hill is a Democrat, and could not be expected to do anything else."

Other statements made by Mr. McLaughlin were:

"A gold standard has not brought prosperity."

"The common people are searching for an outlet for their discontent."

"The very prospect of legislation favorable to silver has already sent the value of silver bullion steadily upward."

"Men are never nominated as individuals, but simply to represent a party principle, and when a man is elected and then attempts to set up a principle of his own, ignoring the party, as has been the case with certain Presidents, he retires from office disgraced."

"The very men who nominated Cleveland in 1892 nominated Bryan in 1896. In '92 these men stood for the principle of tariff reform, and in '96 they stand for currency reform. They see the real reformers of the party."

"I am a Democrat, but I am not an Anarchist; and the man who says I am lies, and knows he lies."

"I have been out of politics for the last three or four years, but I think I can see the trend of public opinion and popular feeling as clearly as ever."

"Men are likely to win this campaign, not money."

From the foregoing it is hardly necessary to call in the services of a mindreader to see in what line Hugh McLaughlin is standing, nor to discern that Mr. McLaughlin is a Democrat.

As a usual thing, from June 15 to October 1, Mr. McLaughlin goes fishing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the great Peconic Bay. Mondays he devotes to bluefish, Wednesdays to porgies and Fridays to kingfish. But to-day he remained at the Peconic Bay Hotel and never moved once from the broad piazza, except at mealtime.

He was in a reflective, but not communicative, mood. His reflections, it is to be supposed, were centered about the visit paid him yesterday by Treasurer St. John, of the Democratic National Committee, accompanied by Bird S. Coler, of Brooklyn and A. B. Roeder, of Denver. Mr. St. John and his companions apparently had given Mr. McLaughlin something to think about. He could not be induced to go into details of the conference.

Despite the Brooklyn chieftain's sudden attack of vocal coma, there is no question but that the visit of Treasurer St. John yesterday was fraught with important results, one of which is, beyond peradventure, the assurance of Mr. McLaughlin that he will do everything in his power to bring about the election of Bryan and Sewall.

Why He Is Silent.

He does not say so himself simply because he insists that he no longer has any official connection with the Democratic organization of Kings County, but he admits in the same breath that many of the leaders, now and then, find it convenient to "advise" with him.

While the secret of just what transpired at the St. John conference yesterday is zealously guarded to-day by Mr. McLaughlin, it is known that the visitors, together with John B. Shea, were closeted with McLaughlin for over an hour, at the end of which Mr. St. John went to a long distance telephone and secured a connection with Normandie-by-the-Sea, N. J., where National Chairman Jones was the guest of Senator Hill. This communication continued for exactly fifty-three minutes, and St. John then went back to the conference.

That is about all that is known positively of this meeting, except that Mr. St. John knew that Mr. McLaughlin was prepared to follow the lead of Senator Hill.

Will Send His Family.

Another interesting fact about the meeting is that a box was offered to Mr. McLaughlin for the notification meeting at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

He replied that he hardly thought he cared to break in upon his rest to attend, but accepted the invitation for his wife and daughters, while his faithful lieutenant, John B. Shea, not only accepted a box, but will attend with his family.

Mr. McLaughlin was not prepared to admit to-day that Senator Jones was to visit him soon, but he did admit that it would not cause him any great surprise if the national chairman should come some day next week.

MRS. HICKS-LORD'S PUNCH.

Famed the World Over, and Many a Cropper Was Taken at Her Stone Fence.

When many of the social contemporaries of Mrs. Hicks-Lord, whose funeral takes place to-day, are forgotten in their graves, Mrs. Hicks-Lord will be remembered because of her gracious hospitality and her incomparable punch. The deliciousness of this punch was famed the world over. Its effectiveness was positively staggering, and in Europe as well as in this country many a society-beau and belle partook of its delights with wonder, and sometimes with regret. It was delicious, but dangerous. Its make-up was as follows: The juice of one doz. lemons, 1 doz. oranges and 7 doz. lemons, 2 quarts of champagne, 2 bottles of sherry, 6 bottles of whiskey, 1 pint of Jamaica rum, 1 pint mixed cordials, 2 quarts of champagne, cut fruit and ice. Some times the mixture was varied with cider, which made it a "stone fence." That was a new thing to New York society, and its popularity was immense. It was at Mrs. Hicks-Lord's afternoon receptions the punch was set out.

SENATOR STEWART'S VIEW

He Says West Virginia Is Conceded to Bryan by at Least 25,000 Majority.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Aug. 7. To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:

I have been in the Springs district of this section for some days. I find that the feeling here among the people is as intense for silver as in any section that I have visited.

Every one I have met concedes the State for Bryan. The estimated majority ranges from twenty-five to fifty thousand.

When I suggest that they may be extravagant they immediately go into details and name many Republicans of their locality who have come out for Bryan.

They say that there will be fifty Republicans to vote for Bryan for every goldite that votes against him, and so far as I can see they appear to be right.

WILLIAM M. STEWART, Senator from Nevada.

'DON'T ASK ABOUT PLATT'

Chairman Hanna Says that He Is Not Saying Anything About the New York Boss.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 7.—"Don't ask me a thing about ex-Senator Platt, for I am not saying anything," said Chairman M. A. Hanna this afternoon, when asked if the Empire State leader would have charge of the New York campaign. Mr. Hanna further said that the campaign in New York would be placed in the hands of the Republican State Central Committee of that State.

The Republican manager arrived at noon from the East, and maintained to his office, where he talked upon his trip to New York. In this connection he said: "After a week's sojourn in New York, where I had plenty of opportunity to make a thorough canvass of the situation in the East and hear the statements of the various state leaders, I have come to the conclusion that the outlook for McKinley is very flattering. In fact, the situation in the East is less complicated than it has been, and the prospects are brighter than ever before. Differences have been settled, misunderstandings explained, and long-standing wounds healed, in order that McKinley's cause may be best subserved."

"Has the last member of the Executive Committee been appointed?"

"No, that matter is still hanging fire, and I cannot tell exactly when action will be taken. Considerable matter has accumulated during my absence, but I expect to be able to attend to it between now and Sunday, when I will leave for Chicago, where the campaign was opened two weeks ago. The plan of campaign will be bold, fearless and aggressive. We will fight to win both in the East and West."

Mr. Hanna has made engagements to meet several prominent politicians from various parts of the country in conference here to-morrow.

SMART SCHEME A BOOMERANG.

Chicago Merchants Use Mexican Silver Dollars as Object Lessons.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—The Mexican silver dollars which a number of Chicago merchants brought from beyond the Rio Grande to use as object lessons during the Presidential campaign have turned out to be boomerangs. Instead of changing the opinions of the workmen, the move has awakened their antagonism, and boycotting resolutions are being adopted by various labor organizations and reform clubs. It is also said that the leaders in the scheme will be prosecuted for using a substitute for the legal money of the United States.

During the past week William H. Hill & Co., Armour & Co., Samuelson & Co. and several other corporations and firms have put in circulation many Mexican dollars. During the hard times there have been many small storekeepers in the suburbs who have been compelled to discharge their debt help and place their own children behind the counter. There are many complaints from these small business men that the Mexican dollars are being used to their disadvantage.

WAS BURIED THREE DAYS.

Hypnotic Subject Disoriented After a Season Under Ground.

Indianapolis, Aug. 7.—J. J. Wyatt was placed under hypnotic influence by Professor Boone in this city on Tuesday last. At night he was taken to Fairview Park and buried under four feet of earth with a shaft extending from the surface to his face to give him air.

Thousands of people visited the park to look upon the living "dead man," and tonight fully 10,000 were present when the earth was dug away and Wyatt was brought out. When taken out of the ground Wyatt's form was rigid and there was no appearance whatever of life.

Five men were selected to hold him and he was placed upon his feet. Boone waved his hands before his face and Wyatt began to struggle like a madman, and he threw several men to the ground. Much excitement prevailed, the crowd scattering and three ladies fainting from fright. Others came to the assistance of the men holding him, and after a few moments he became quiet.

A half hour later he was provided with something to eat, and with water he ate and drank heartily. He had been under ground since Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, and during that time had had neither food nor water.

NOW HARRISON IS THE SILENT MAN.

Republicans Worried Because He Won't Answer Their Telegrams.

Waiting for Him to Come to New York and Open the Campaign, but He Stays Away.

Literary Bureau Hard at Work Sending Out All Sorts of Political Arguments.

ANXIOUS EVEN ABOUT NEW YORK.

Claim Every State That's Claimable, but Send All the Help They Can, Even to Vermont and Maine.

"What's the matter with Harrison?" is the question asked often at the Republican

if he would just write and say "Tell them that you saw me," or any old thing."

Harrison hasn't been worried about so much since he was a candidate. The campaign opening in this State is waiting for the reply that does not come, and reports say that he is enjoying the best of health and Indiana is rated as a doubtful State.

Realists Indiana and Illinois, Vermont is said to be in doubtful condition, and the National Committee of Redfield Proctor's State desires help in the shape of "sugar" to convince the Green Mountain boys that McKinley is all that he ought to be.

The Republicans at headquarters were reinforced yesterday by the arrival of Senator Atkins, of West Virginia; Shoup, of Idaho, and G. W. Murray, of South Carolina.

All the gentlemen were modest in their claims. Atkins declared that because Bryan voted to break the coal combine and put coal on the free list, West Virginia would go against him, and that Virginia would also go Republican.

Shoup, who refused to follow the men whose convictions caused them to leave the St. Louis Convention, and who helped fill the seats they left, claims Idaho and a few other States where there isn't gold sentiment enough to get a Central Committee, while Murray claims North Carolina, South Carolina and a few other adjoining States.

Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas and Arkansas have all been claimed by others, so that the only State conceded to Bryan is Alabama.

Why Shoup Is Here.

The primaries in Idaho for a State convention take place to-day, and it was whispered that Senator Shoup was trying

GOLD MEN CALL A CONVENTION.

Indianapolis Is the Place, and September 2 the Date.

Little Opposition Encountered by the Third Ticket Advocates.

Administration Not Represented and Few Prominent Democrats Were Present at the Conference.

JOHN M. PALMER FOR PRESIDENT.

The Illinois Man and General Buckner, of Kentucky, Likely to Be Nominated by the "National Democratic Party."

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.—The gold standard Democrats at their conference to-

brethren who are in error, and the wish was expressed that there might be a reunited party after the campaign is over.

General Palmer will appoint the Executive Committee in a few days. The committee which met to-day will meet again in this city September 1.

Opposition Easily Overcome.

The opposition to the nomination of a third ticket, which was represented at the conference by the Eastern and Southern Democrats, was as easily overcome as the leaders of the Middle Western States predicted it would be, and the decision that a conference should be called and candidates for President and Vice-President be placed in the field, was practically unanimous.

While the sentiment against this course was not pronounced, it was sufficient to cause considerable discussion in the hotel lobbies before the meeting was held, and nearly all the members of the Provisional Committee, who hailed from the West and Northwest, set themselves early to the task of convincing their gold standard brethren that the nomination of a third ticket was the only safe course to be pursued, if it was desired to take Democratic votes from Bryan and Sewall in their respective sections.

To the representatives of the East it was pointed out that campaigns in this section are always attended with more or less bitterness; that many gold-standard Democrats would be driven to the support of the Chicago nominees, and that the only sure way of keeping this vote from Bryan was to leave the election off to the Democrats another ticket to vote for.

This argument was reinforced by the suggestion that it would not be blinding upon the gold-standard Democrats to place their electors in the field in every State in the United States; where it was thought best to have only to Bryan and McKinley electors such a policy might be pursued.

"If," said the advocates of a third ticket, "the new Jersey gold standard Democrats believe that they can best compass the defeat of Bryan by not having a third ticket, they may leave the election off to the Democrats another ticket to vote for."

In consideration of these views, the opponents of a third ticket abated their opposition at first and ultimately withdrew entirely. The Indiana silver men, who were the matter of giving birth to a new party, and the question of a name for the organization was branched. There were several suggestions, but the name of the "National Democratic Party" was received with most favor and was finally adopted, as it seemed to insure to the party in the future the full right to its old name.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon a formal conference was held at the assembly rooms of the Commercial Club, over which ex-Governor Bynum presided in the absence of General Buckner, who was detained by a washout on the railroad. Acting in accordance with the sentiment of the morning meeting, it was decided to issue a formal call for a national delegate convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President and issue a declaration of principles.

Thirty-three States Represented.

There were thirty-three States represented in the meeting, and a sub-committee of five members of the Provisional Committee was appointed to draft the call and present it to the meeting to-night for ratification.

As soon as this business was transacted, a committee representing the business men and commercial body of this city was introduced, and presented reasons why this city should be selected for the convention.

D. W. Lawlor spoke for Minneapolis and J. C. Davis, of Louisville, presented the claims of that city.

A ballot was ordered and Indianapolis received 19 votes, Minneapolis 6 and Louisville 2. The result was received with loud applause by the local managers, although there were eight members of the committee who did not vote at all.

Possible Candidates.

There is much discussion about candidates in the event a convention is held. It is agreed that the man nominated for first place should be well known to every section of the country. Yesterday there was considerable talk about John G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, but the Kentucky people, who got in to-day, have an impression that Mr. Carlisle would not accept the nomination. It looks as if the sentiment would crystallize in favor of taking the candidate for first place from the central States, where it is hoped to make the movement most effective.

John M. Palmer, of Illinois, is a favorite, and a few of those here have been heard to say that they would vote for him. Committee men say that if the nomination for President should happen to go East, William B. Bryan, of this city, would probably be the nominee for Vice-President.

The man most talked of as running mate for Senator Palmer is Simon B. Buckner, ex-Governor of Kentucky. The men at the head of the movement are confident that, notwithstanding the fact that he is not nominated will stand no chance of election, it will not be a difficult matter to find candidates who will enter into the campaign, having the confidence of the gold standard men throughout the country.

Charles Tracey, of New York, is here as a member of the committee, and, speaking of the sentiment in that State, he said:

"The sentiment for the gold standard is overwhelmingly strong in New York State, but a great many Democrats will support the Bryan ticket from a spirit of loyalty to the party. The politicians of Tammany have given indorsement to the Chicago ticket. There is nothing surprising in that. They would have done so if the platform had decided for the gold or shoe buttons or anything else as currency."

While it is believed that President Cleveland is sympathetic with the movement for a third ticket, it is regarded as very strange that no one connected with the Administration, either nearly or remotely, should be attending. Out of the five Democrats who have been cooperating with men in other States in the movement, there were no Indiana Democrats present to-day, and this fact is not thought to argue well for the gold standard cause in this State.

The Indiana silver leaders had fun with the gold delegates because of the refusal, stability, or whatever it may have been, of Louis Elsie, the prominent gold leader, to be present. The silverites claim to have positive information to the effect that he has decided that he will take a seat reserved for "spectators." Mr. Bynum had no other information than that given in the dispatches from Colorado Springs.

HINKLEY'S BUFFALO CALL.

The Chairman Issues the Formal Notice for the Democratic State Convention.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Chairman Hinkley, to-night, issued the following call for the Democratic State Convention:

The Democratic electors of the State of New York are requested to unite in sending three delegates and three alternates from each Assembly District to a State Convention to be held at Buffalo on Wednesday, September 16, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates to be voted for at the ensuing general election and to transact such other business as may be deemed proper by the convention.

(Signed) J. W. HINKLEY, Chairman.

Chairman Hinkley requests that delegates as soon as selected communicate with Mr. John C. Conner, member of the State Committee from Buffalo, who will see that proper rooms, and accommodations are assigned to the delegates.

CAN HE RE-CLIMB HIS CABINET OFFICERS?

Cleveland Will Have His Hands Full at the Gray Gables Conference.

Each of His Advisers Has His Own Views, and Two May Be Rebellious.

President Must Act with Great Caution or a Serious Panic Is Likely to Occur.

MAY FAVOR A POLICY OF SILENCE.

Cannot Openly Indorse McKinley and Dare Not Declare in Favor of a Ticket to Be Named by Gold Democrats.

Washington, Aug. 7.—To a devout follower of Isaac Walton the Administration polls as follows in its attitude toward the contending political parties:

CLEVELAND—Sulking like a big pickerel in the lily pads.

OLNEY—In the gold net.

CARLISLE—Gaffed repeatedly, but not landed; about to swim to Buzzard's Bay for consultation.

HARMON—Fights shy of both hooks.

WILSON—Deep sea fish; will swim in European waters during the campaign.

LAMONT—Lying low, but will take the bare Democratic hook in time.

MORTON—Gold fish; will not take flies; swims in his own pond.

HOKE SMITH—Youthful, been in bad company; promises to reform; has swallowed the silver hook, bait, bob and line, and is trying to climb up on the pole.

STEVENSON, V. P.—Silver fish, purely ornamental; gloomily floats in the silver basket and thinks he was betrayed into silence when he might be holding the pole.

All of which is index and preface to the Cabinet conference which futurity presages at Gray Gables for the days which follow.

Herbert on the Way North.

Secretary Herbert, lately hovering about the Cape of Good Hope, and disconcerted on the Dolphin, while belied as a hungry shark and spurning the frothy seas beneath her keel. He is scheduled to address the War College at Newport to-morrow or Monday on topics which he argued by land and practically as a Colonel of the Confederacy thirty years ago. Harmon is already breakfasting on bluefish along the Jersey coast.

Carlisle waits twenty-four hours beyond his schedule. Assistant Secretary Curtis, his Wall Street aide and go-between, was sent to New York to make more particular inquiry why gold was still

from the Treasury vaults on daily rate in exchange for gold. To that nervous question of mine, not yet returned answer, although several hours yesterday he dashed into and out of the kennels of finance.

The belief is current that a better Treasury guard will yet have to be erected in the one furnished by the gold syndicates who hold their bundled greenbacks in the original packages to snap back for gold on an instant's warning. For this needed information Carlisle waits and worries.

Should he get it to-morrow, the light-house tender Maple will slip its wetted moorings and puff importantly down the Potomac like a Pittsburg stogie. Secretary Carlisle and his wife and son, Will K. Carlisle, and his wife will be aboard.

An Excuse for the Trip.

Other cargo in the shape of whale oil and red buoys for lighthouse use will furnish a weak excuse for an otherwise unnecessary and expensive trip to the Government.

But even this voyage of safety will have an end. Somewhere on the coast a transfer will be made of passengers to the Mistletoe, another steam parasite of the lighthouse service. These tenders are extremely punctilious of the letter of their regulations. They never move except on Government business, and never go outside of the several districts to which they are allotted. Then Gray Gables will be near.

President Cleveland has kindly informed the public that he has given no advice touching the course of the Indianapolis conference, but he neglected to be explicit as to what is really of importance—what he suggested to Don M. Dickinson relative to the gold Democratic convention which is to follow. As to that the Cabinet conference forecast for Gray Gables will have much to do.

In addition to some device and scheme whereby the gold Democrats may hide their scanty numbers from scoffing eye President Cleveland and his nonplussed advisers have other weighty tasks before them. It is agreed that they must be extremely cautious.

Must Prevent a Panic.

Should President Cleveland fulminate against silver, as he did in that letter in the middle years of the Harrison administration, he would breed a panic, swift and sudden, that would set his Treasury doors clanging to with an inevitable suspension of gold payments. That would never do. As Jerry Simpson puts it: "Wall Street is under bond to keep the peace. Potatoes are five cents a bushel in Kansas. If we have a panic they might go down and that would hurt the gold ticket."

So President Cleveland must take caution to his Cabinet council. To that end Secretary Carlisle is set, and has already so. A policy of silence will best serve Administration's purpose. An open indorsement of McKinley would place on the muzzled candidate's shoulder such load of death as Sinbad never staggered under. A declaration for a third ticket would rouse still further the fires of the Democratic masses.

It is told of Colonel Josiah Patterson, of Tennessee, staunch lover of Cleveland and gold, that in his early Confederate days he trooped refiled in the face of overwhelming Yankee odds, at whom, however, they maintained a sullen fusillade. Colonel Patterson came running back to his command waving his sword and yelling:

"Don't shoot at 'em any more. You're just making 'em madder every minute."

That is what Secretary Carlisle is trying to tell President Cleveland about the Democratic party.



RETROSPECTIVE.

national headquarters, at No. 1 Madison avenue.

The ex-President has been appealed to by nearly everybody in the McKinley movement to come to New York and open the campaign. But he is very backward. He is now as silent on that question as McKinley on the currency question.

If Harrison would only write and just say that he was thinking about it, it would be some relief to the Republican syndicate, but the telegrams sent to him are never answered. Every telegram received at headquarters is anxiously opened, and the signature looked at to see if it is "Ben."

A shock was experienced the day Mr. Hanna left town. A telegram addressed to Hanna was signed "Ben," and Secretary Perkins, reading no more, went through the hall on a lode to show it to Hanna.

Perkins laid it upon Mr. Hanna's desk, face up, and pointed to the signature and smiled.

Hanna looked at the signature and the smile that lit up his face faded as he noticed that it was dated "Cleveland," and the message was in regard to a deal for a silver mine being engineered by a superintendent whose first name was Ben. Now Perkins looks for the date line first.

If He Could Only Write.

A member of the syndicate at headquarters said yesterday: "It would be all right

to get as far away from the cyclone as possible, and a great amount of study for use in New York State and the East generally. While the Republicans are doing so much studying, they are taking no chances on anything, not even New York."

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HILL HAS NOT DECIDED.

Will Not Announce Himself for or Against Bryan Until After the State Convention.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Senator Hill arrived this afternoon at his home in this city, where he expects to remain for ten days.

It can be authoritatively stated that he will not reside at the Bryan and Sewall ratification meeting at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday next, and that all statements appearing in the public prints that Senator Hill is about to declare for the Bryan ticket, or against it, are without foundation.

He has made no expression of his views on policy since he left Chicago, and is not likely to do so until the approaching New York State Convention, to be held on September 10.

day decided to put a ticket in the field. They do not hope to elect their candidates, but will adopt the course because it seems to them to be the best means of defeating Bryan and Sewall.

The nominating convention will be held in this city September 2. Preferences as to candidates seem to point toward Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois, as the nominee for President, with General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Kentucky, second place.

But this is all atmospheric; no solid arrangements have yet been made. No one was present to represent the Administration and few gold leaders of any special prominence came.